

Kentucky Agriculture Resource Development Authority

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2000

Bruce Harper, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m., at The Kentucky Farm Bureau Building, 9201 Bunsen Parkway, Louisville, Ky. in the Board Room on the 4th floor.

Members Present: Bruce Harper, Chair; Dr. Harold Benson; John Fritz, Jr.; Sharon Furches; John-Mark Hack representing Governor Paul E. Patton; Larry Jeffries; Dean C. Oran Little; Glen Massengale; Sam Moore; Bill Payne; Mark Farrow representing Commissioner Billy Ray Smith; David Switzer; Martha Thompson; and Hoppy Lovell.

Members Absent: Terry Ashby; Morris R. Cave; Senator Ernie Harris; Keith Harris; Scott Kuegel; George Martin; Peter McNeil; Billy Joe Miles; E. Martin Nichols, Jr.; Terry Rhodes; Will Southerland; Representative Roger Thomas; and Bettie Wallace.

Guests Attended: Hugh Archer, Natural Resources Environment Protection Cabinet; Terry Garman, Dept. of Agriculture; Patrick Jennings, Kentucky Farm Bureau; David Beck, Kentucky Farm Bureau; Dean Wallace, Council On Burley Tobacco; Biff Baker, LRC; Brad Wellons, LRC; Sarah Roberts, Dave Maples, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association; Sharon Burton, owner Farmer's Pride; and Rebeckah Freeman, Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Staff Present: Lisa Thomas; Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy

Bruce Harper, Chair began with introductions and welcomed guests. Thanks was given to Sam Moore and David Beck.

Mark Farrow representing Commissioner Billy Ray Smith gave introduction of Terry Garman as the Executive Director of Marketing for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, who will also represent Commissioner Smith.

Minutes were approved from the last board meeting.

Agricultural Legislation, 2000 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly:

John-Mark Hack gave an overview of Agricultural Legislation Passed During the 2000 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. He gave thanks to The Kentucky Farm Bureau and congratulated Dean Little, Jeff Hall, and Will Snell. He provided a summary of the Implementation of **HB611**, 3.45 billion dollars paid out in the last 25 years. Of that amount 180 million went to the Agriculture community and the Agriculture leadership development board. An agenda was developed for these boards and the members were informed that the Governor will be active on these two boards.

John-Mark Hack talked about county councils devising a plan and that the Governor will encourage regional projects. The board appointment timeline was given as May 31st, Governor wants the best appt. by June 30, 2000. The members will convene mid July. Afterward will have series of regular county meetings to educate counties on what state board visions are.

Commissioner Hugh Archer, Department of Natural Resources discussed the planned administration of **Phase I** money to tobacco growers and farmers.

The purpose of the Kentucky Agriculture Resource Development Authority was discussed. Statements discussed were: Role of the commission; insure intent of law is carried out. No authority to change decision of Board, but can question. Will board be able to conduct business and disburse funds?

Mark Farrow, Kentucky Agriculture Dept. stated that if **Phase I** Board works as well as **Phase II** this board will be very successful.

Larry Jeffries stated that KARDA needs a BIG project to get behind and follow through with it. Suggestion was that forage could be it or maybe wood products.

Martha Thompson requested the unified plan for agriculture that KARDA supported.

Bruce Harper, Chair stated that the original intent of unified plan is starting point for **Phase I**.

John-Mark Hack stated that the Board perspective will be at Board discretion to use what if any part of plan they use. Three members of the Board are authors of the unified plan.

Dr. Benson suggested reconcile what is left of unified plan –support. Work on Board's subcommittees.

Sam Moore stated that if agriculture had not stood together they would not have this money. The Governor listened after they stood together firm. **Phase I** Board developed market so that producers will have a place to sell at a profit. Develop buyers that demand our product and provide quality products, this is diversification.

Bill Payne motioned to use unified plan as basis for support, 2nd motioned.

HB665:

Sam More stated KFB pursued litigation with EPA. Time to settle this, operating under emergency when there is no emergency. Received support from other producers in state will pursue as agriculture community.

Rebeckah Freeman according to KRS 13A 120, No state agency will make state law more stringent than federal law.

Governor Patton is concerned that tax payers are not to be burdened with cost of cleanup.

With no further discussion, the board adjourned.